



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS**

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Hammoud, Yancey.

Members absent/excused: None

Representative Rendon moved to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2018, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid House Bill No. 6187, House Bill No. 6199, House Bill No. 6200 and House Bill No. 6201 before the committee:

HB 6187	(Allor)	Watercraft; other; markers or signage alerting vessel operators of the prohibition on the use of anchors in the Straits of Mackinac; require department of natural resources to install.
HB 6199	(Cole)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for violations of anchoring in the Straits of Mackinac; provide for.
HB 6200	(Chatfield)	Watercraft; violations; use of anchors in the Straits of Mackinac; prohibit, and provide penalties for violations.
HB 6201	(Chatfield)	Natural resources; gas and oil; requirements for spill reporting and prevention response plans from straits gas or oil pipelines; modify, and provide penalties for releases of gas or oil into waters of the state.

Chairman Chatfield testified in support of his legislation.

Representative Allor and Representative Cole testified in support of their legislation.

Questions and discussion was held between the committee.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

**Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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